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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS NAILS POPE CONFERENCE,
ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT NOTES PROBLEMS

1. (LOW - ENTIRE TEXT).
2. SUMMARY: AMIO VEILED SIGNS THAT MOSCOW CONTINUES TO DESPAIR OF THE PARACHAN-KHALO SPLIT. THE SOVIET PRESS IS DEVOTING HEAVY ATTENTION TO THE POPA "ALL-PEOPLES" CONFERENCE THAT OPENED MARCH 14. ALL MAJOR SAILIES HAVE CARRIED FEATURE ARTICLES DEVOTED TO THE CONFERENCE, AND PRAYDA FRONT-PAGED MEETINGS FROM THE SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT FURTHER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CONFERENCE IS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF AFGHANISTAN. PRESS AND TELEVISION NEWS COVERAGE HAS PROMINENTLY NOTED SABRAK KARNAL IN HIS ROLE AS POPA GENERAL SECRETARY. END SUMMARY.
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3. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S "DARN" GREETINGS TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE "ALL-PEOPLES" CONFERENCE OF THE POPA REITERATES THE FIRM SUPPORT OF THE CPSU AND SOVIET PEOPLE FOR THE SAADAK RULING GROUP, "IN ACCORD WITH THE DEEP TRADITION OF SOVIET-AFGHAN FRIENDSHIP AND GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY." BUT THE MESSAGE STRIKES A DISCORDANT NOTE WHEN IT RECALLS THE PARTY'S EFFORTS TO "REESTABLISH" MUTUAL TRUST WITHIN THE RANKS, ORGANIZATIONAL AND IDEOLOGICAL UNITY, PRINCIPLELESSNESS, AND STRENGTHENED PARTY DISCIPLINE, A SURE INDICATION OF AREAS THE SOVIETS VIEW AS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT. THE MESSAGE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT PROPAGANDA EFFORTS AND PARTY INDOCTRINATION NEED GREATER ATTENTION IN REMINDING ITS READERS OF THE PARTY'S "SEARCH FOR MORE COMPLETE FORMS AND METHODS OF MASS POLITICAL WORK, AND FOR RAISING IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL LEVELS OF PARTY CADRE."

4. ON PRAVDA'S INSIDE PAGES, THE HISTORY OF THE POPA IS BRIEFLY RECAPPED (AND REWRITTEN TO CONFORM MORE WITH THE PARTY LINE). SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1968, THE POPA HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE VANGUARD OF THE STRUGGLE FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS AND AGAINST EXPLOITATIVE, FEUDAL CLASSES, PRAVDA MAINTAINS. PRAVDA CHARACTERIZES THE SAAR REVOLUTION AS "ANTI-IMPERIALIST, ANTI-FEUDAL, AND NATIONAL-DEMOCRATIC," BUT BLAMES ANIN'S "SPLITIST, ANTI-PARTY" ACTIVITIES FOR CAUSING THE POPA TO SUFFER GREAT LOSSES WHICH WERE HALTED ONLY WHEN "PATRIOTIC FORCES HEADED BY SAADAK KARNAL" EMERGED VICTORIOUS DECEMBER 27, 1979. HOWEVER, THE PRAVDA
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ITEM ALSO IS HEAVILY CRITICAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE POPA IN CITING POPA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER S. NAJIBUDDIN'S REMARKS ABOUT WEAKNESSES IN IDEOLOGICAL-EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND "SUBJECTIVISM AND FACTIONALISM" THAT CAUSES SOME PARTY MEMBERS NOT TO FULFILL THEIR TASKS.

5. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (KZ), SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA AND IZVESTIYA ALL CARRY SIMILAR FEATURE ARTICLES KEYED

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ON THE "ALL-PEOPLES'" PARTY CONFERENCE. THE KZ ARTICLE PRAISES THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED UNDER THE POPA'S LEADERSHIP AND CLAIMS THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN "INMEASURABLY GREATER" HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN AFGHANISTAN BY THE U.S. AND OTHER IMPERIALIST FORCES. THE STRUGGLE WITH THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION, KZ DECLARES, CONTINUES TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK FACING THE ORA. THE POPA PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN "MOBILIZING THE PEOPLE" AND STRENGTHENING THE AFGHAN ARMED FORCES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BANDITS. EFFORTS BY "ENEMIES OF AFGHANISTAN" TO DEFARE AND MISINTERPRET SOVIET-AFGHAN RELATIONS, TO SLANDER THE "WORTHY MISSION OF THE WARRIORS OF THE LIMITED CONTINGENT OF SOVIET TROOPS" ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

6. SOVETSKAYA NOSSIYA AND IZVESTIYA QUELL MORE ON THE STANDARD THEMES OF THE FAVORABLE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGES BROUGHT ON BY THE POPA, AND THE BENEFICIAL RESULTS OF THE LAND REFORM PROGRAM.

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7. COMMENT: EARLIER PRESS ARTICLES HERALDING THE PARTY CONFERENCE HAVE AMPLIFIED NOSCON'S UNEASE OVER CONTINUED DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE POPA, NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO THE PARCHAN-KHALO SPLIT. IZVESTIYA IN A FEBRUARY 28 ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT REGIONAL MEETINGS PREPARATORY FOR THE PARTY CONFERENCE SHOWED "SHORTCOMINGS" IN PARTY EDUCATIONAL WORK AND THAT AMONG SOME PARTY MEMBERS ("IN TRUTH THEIR NUMBER IS EXTREMELY SMALL" IZVESTIYA ADDED DEFENSIVELY), "A RELAPSE OF THE OLD ILLNESS HAS APPEARED -- A TENDENCY TOWARDS FACTIONALISM AND CLIQUEISHNESS, A TENDENCY TO PLACE ONE'S OWN INTERESTS ABOVE THOSE OF THE COLLECTIVE AND PARTY." A PRAVDA ARTICLE FEBRUARY 26 ALSO CRYPTICALLY NOTED IN PASSING THAT "A DECISIVE REDUFF WAS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED TO SPLIT THE PARTY'S RANKS" DURING THE KABUL PARTY "ELECTION" CONFERENCE.

WHILE NOSCON GIVES EVERY INDICATION THAT IT
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CONTINUES TO BACK DAURAK, PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A LACK OF PARTY DISCIPLINE, SHORTCOMINGS IN PARTY

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EDUCATION, AND FACTIONALISM ARE ALL CLEAR
CRITICISMS OF BABRAK'S MANAGEMENT OF THE PARTY.

8. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. ZINNERNANN

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